Statement-III

Percentage share of Agriculture and Allied Sector in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant (1999-2000) *prices*

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Agriculture & Allied Sectors	Total GDP	Agriculture & Allied Sectors (%)
2005-06	511013	2612847	19.6
2006-07	530236	2864310	18.5
2007-08	543984	3114452	17.5

The progress made under National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Area (NWDPRA) during last three years is as under:—

Sl.No.	Year	Physical (area in ha.)	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	2004-05	473606	24370.79
2.	2005-06	619486	27432.22
3.	2006-07	807635	35512.64

Organic Manure

1553. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has studied the effects of the organic manure;

(b) if so, what are the findings; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism to monitor its quality and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Under All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on 'long term fertilizer experiments' over the last few decades, Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has concluded that only integrated use of optimal dose of Nitrogen, Phosphorous & Potash (NPK) and organic manure can maintain soil health and give higher sustainable yields. Organic manure, besides supplying essential plant nutrients, improves soil physical conditions and stimulates biological activities of soils through supply of energy to soil microbes.

(c) Organic manures are mostly produced on farm and used by the farmers. However, with commercialization of few type of organic manures, three organic manures have been brought under Fertilizer Control Order (FCO) namely (i) City waste compost (ii) Vermi-compost and (iii) Press-mud. The quality of the above organic manure is monitored as per the specifications/provisions of FCO.